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The four-hundred-and-seventy-fourth Meeting of the Club was held at the Rembrandt Hotel, Thurloe Place, S.W.7, on Wednesday, 18 February, 1948, with dinner at 6.30 P.M.

Chairman : Dr. J. M. HARRISON.

Members present :—Miss C. M. ACLAND ; Mrs. R. G. BARNES ; F. J. F. BARRINGTON ; J. FISHER ; Capt. H. A. GILBERT ; W. E. GLEGG (*Hon. Secretary*) ; Miss C. E. GODMAN ; Miss E. M. GODMAN (*Vice-Chairman*) ; Capt. C. H. B. GRANT (*Editor*) ; Miss E. P. LEACH (*Hon. Treasurer*) ; Miss C. LONGFIELD ; Dr. G. CARMICHAEL LOW ; Dr. P. R. LOWE ; J. D. MACDONALD ; C. W. MACKWORTH-PRAED ; Sir P. MANSON-BAHR ; G. M. MATHEWS ; E. M. NICHOLSON ; Col. W. A. PAYN ; Major G. H. R. PYE-SMITH ; Miss G. M. RHODES ; Lt.-Cmdr. C. P. STAPLES ; Dr. A. LANDBOROUGH THOMSON ; B. W. TUCKER ; C. N. WALTER ; Mrs. H. W. BOYD WATT ; A. WILLIAMS ; C DE WORMS.

Guests :—Mrs. M. V. GILBERT ; R. J. B. GLANVILLE ; Cmdr. G. W. HARPER ; Mrs. P. R. LOWE.

Members, 29 ; Guests, 4 ; Total, 33.

A new Race of White-eye from Kenya Colony.

Mr. J. G. WILLIAMS sent the following description and the type for exhibition :—

ZOSTEROPS PALLIDA KULALENSIS, new race.

Description.—Similar to *Zosterops pallida winifredæ* Selater and Moreau, but larger.

Wing 62-65 mm. as against 58-60 mm. in *Z. p. winifredæ*.

Distribution.—Mt. Kulal, northern Kenya Colony.

Type.—In the British Museum. Adult male, collected at Mt. Kulal, northern Kenya Colony, on 8 October 1947, by J. G. Williams. Brit. Mus. Reg. No. 1948-1-3.

Measurements of type.—Wing 64, culmen from base 15, tail 48, tarsus 20 mm.

Remarks.—Eight males and three females were obtained.

This race inhabits mountain mist forest, usually in very large flocks, though sometimes in small parties. Call-note very like *Z. virens jacksoni* Neumann, but perhaps softer and more continuous. Stomach-contents were minute insects, spiders and the fruit of a species of *Loranthus*. Some males had very enlarged testes in early October and were apparently within a few weeks of breeding. The series of this new race were collected when I was attached to the Carlsberg Foundation Expedition from Copenhagen.

Notes on *Sarothura ayresi* and three birds new to Abyssinia.

Mr. K. M. GUICHARD sent the following, with specimens for exhibition :—

Sarothura ayresi (Gurney). Grant and Mackworth-Praed (Bull. B. O. C. 66, 1946, p. 37) examined an adult male of this pigmy rail taken from near Addis Abeba by Patritzi and placed it in the Genus *Sarothura*. They had already suggested in Bull. B. O. C. 62, 1941, p. 32, that the type of *Coturnicops macmillani* described by Bannerman, Bull. B. O. C. 29, 1911, p. 38, from a male taken in Kaffa, south-western Abyssinia, was really the same as *C. ayresi* from South Africa described by Gurney in 1877, and of which only females are known from the Cape, Orange Free State, and the Transvaal. Three are in the British Museum.

During the Italian occupation of Abyssinia, Patritzi is known to have collected at least four specimens of the White-winged Rail, including a female from Sululta, near Addis Abeba, but only one, the male examined by Grant and Mackworth-Praed, appears to have survived the Abyssinian re-occupation, and is in The Coryndon Museum, Nairobi.

To make absolutely certain that the Abyssinian and South African birds were the same it remained to discover Abyssinian females to compare with the South African ones. While in Abyssinia I was aware of this problem in 1945, but apart from Rouget's Rail I saw no rails until July 1947, although I had been in many suitable localities,